Accidents in Ahmedabad - Howrah Express

1231. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total toll in railway accident including the derailment of Ahmedabad - Howrah Express during the last three years;

(b) whether India stands top in the list of railway accidents in the world; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Number of persons killed in train accidents during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and derailment of Ahmedabad - Howrah Express is as under:

1994-95	305
1995-96	594
1996-97	363
April-October 1997 (including derailment of Ahmedabad-Howrah Express)	190

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Calcutta Metro Railway

1232. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the sale amount of passenger tickets turn-out, in 1995-96 and 1996-97 in Calcutta Metro; and

(b) the work expenses of Metro Railways during the same period; category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The revenue earnings on account of sale of tickets etc. in Calcutta Metro is as under:—

Year	No. of passengers (in crores)	Earnings (in crore of Rs.)
1995-96	4.33	11.70
1996-97	6.26	17.42

(b) The working expenses are as under:—

(In crore of Rupees)

Year	Gross working expenses	Appropriation to pension reserve fund	Net working expenses	Main categories of working expenses		
				Staff	Energy	Maintenance
1995-96	25.48	3.23	22.25	6.78	11.02	2.20
1996-97	37.19	4.15	33.04	10.92	14.96	3.01

घायल यात्रियों को हर्जाना देना

1233. **श्री बंगारू लक्ष्मण**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में, रेल दुर्घटना में पीड़ित यात्रियों को दिन जाने वाली हर्जाने की राशि में वृद्धि की है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) हर्जाना की बढ़ाई गई राशि का भुगतान किस तारीख से किया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) जी हां।